(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) A proposal to this effect is under consideration of Government.

(c) and (d) No decision regarding the location of the proposed propellant factory has yet been taken by the Government.

Health problems of women in areas surrounded by Nuclear Reactors

3063. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the danger of health problems for women in areas surrounding nuclear power reactors;

(b) whether studies similar to those in USA have been carried out in India; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Government is aware of a report in this regard appearing in "Clarity" Weekly of February 7-13, 1988 alleging fall in birth rate due to radiation in the vicinity of Nuclear Power Stations.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

However, adequate safety margins have been built into the formulation of safety standards with special provisions for control of radiation exposure to women in the reproductive age group. Comprehensive medical surveys have been carried out on employees and family members who reside in the departmental colonies in the vicinity of nuclear power stations. Based on these medical records it can be said that there are no indications of any increase in the incidence of disease|ailments|fall in birth rate etc. Government are also aware of reports about the increased incidence of certain diseases due to ionising radiation around nuclear installations abroad. However, special committees appointed to go into the statistics and validity of the statements have ruled that there are no definite evidences to suggest increased occurrences of diseases in the vicinity of nuclear power plants due to radiation.

उड़ीसा में गरीबी दूर करने की योजनाएं

3064. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक:** क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने चालू पंचवर्षीय योजना के अंतर्गत उड़ीसा में गरीबी दूर करने की कोई योजना तैयार की है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उड़ीसा में उ जिलो के नाम क्या हैं जिन्हें इस योजना के अंतर्गत शामिल किया जायेगा और इसे कब तक लागू किए जाने की संभावना है ; और

(ग) उपरोक्त भाग (क) और (ख) में उल्लिखित इस योजना पर 1988-89 के वर्ष के दौरान कितनी धनराशि व्यय किये जाने का प्रस्ताव है और इस संबंध में राज्यवार ब्यौरा क्या है ?

योजना मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री वीरेन इंगती) : (क) सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में उड़ीसा में गरीबी उन्मूलन की कोई नई योजना शुरू नहीं की गई है । तथापि, सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के दौरान उड़ीसा सहित देश में जिन तीन प्रमुख केन्द्र प्रायोजित स्कीमों को कार्यान्वित किया गया है, वे है---एकीकृत ग्रामीण विकास कार्यक्रम, राष्ट्रीय ग्रामीण रोजगार कार्यक्रम तथा ग्रामीण भूमिहीन